

FLINTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the parish council held in the Village Hall, Tuesday January 29, 2019 at 6.30pm

Couns. David Cartledge (Chairman)
Ken W Russell (Vice chairman) Debra Pennington
Sue Clayton Paul Brookes Scott Miller (A)

Also, present: The clerk Mike Elliott, and Rushcliffe Borough Council member Coun. Sarah Bailey and one resident.

- 1] APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Coun. Scott Miller
- 2] MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 10, 2018 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

- 3] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

- 4] CLERK'S REPORT

The police and Marshalls were advised of the situation on Coney Gray bus park.

The Sue Culligan letter will be used when the February issue of the newsletter is published.

Contact details are needed again for the former Website controller, not getting a response. Cllr Clayton would provide this.

Rushcliffe Borough Council say there is movement in regard to demolition of the former Islamic School and the owners have expressed a certain willingness to undertake the work through their own contractors.

A report given to the council discusses the responsibility of councils to be involved in the instance of the death of an important State person, in this case Her Majesty The Queen. It states that following the official announcement of her passing, there will be ten days of state mourning, between the day of the death and the funeral in Westminster Abbey.

All councils are being asked to prepare themselves and be mindful that any meeting organised during the State Mourning would need to be cancelled. Flags should be flown at half-mast throughout the ten day of mourning except for Day 2, when the new King will be Proclaimed and when they should be flown at full mast and then the next day returned to half-mast. All flags to be returned to normal by 9am the day after the funeral.

Parish councils are asked to compose suitable words for displaying on their website and this should be prepared before-hand. It is suggested the home page of the website should have a picture of the Queen with a black border around it. If pictures of The Queen are displayed in any council used buildings (like village halls) they should have black ribbon placed diagonally across one corner. Such photographs should be removed to another suitable site after one month and then be replaced by a picture of the King.

The council should organise a loose leaved Remembrance Book and as well as placing this in a suitable place such as a parish church it should be taken by the council to any local schools or care homes. Once the exercise ends the book needs to be sent to the County Archives officer and Buckingham Palace advised of that action.

The council should consider an area in which to lay flowers, taking into account the current trend to carry out such an action when any notable death or tragic accident occurs. All flowers should be removed on the morning after the State Funeral. The parish council may wish to purchase flowers.

Parish churches supported by local councils will be encouraged to hold a special service on the eve of the funeral day and local councils are advised to contact their local churches to begin arrangements in advance.

The day of the funeral will be a public holiday unless it falls on a Saturday.

The clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements in regard to flowers from the council, the Remembrance Book and the flag flying. It was agreed that any flowers that residents wished to lay should be in the Jubilee Garden at the Council cemetery .

5] REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

Coun. Bailey gave an update on the Islamic School, saying the Borough were still waiting for action by the Madni Trust. The council was told that a new Waste depot was to be introduced in the South Notts area following the closure of the base at Langar. No indication could yet be given as to the siting for it but it would be available in the next 12/15 months.

6] CORRESPONDENCE

Rushcliffe Borough Council advised of planning consultation changes, one being they were to cease sending out paper copies of applications.

Eon advised of a price increase for the power supply to the phone box where the village library is maintained.

Heras Construction of Doncaster are seeking payment of an account for new fencing at the sports field. £3,722, payment by Thursday. It was agreed to pay immediately. The money would be refunded to the council by the Highways Agency.

7] PLANNING MATTERS

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications

18/02762/ful. Mr Ewan Campbell-Lendrum, Rushcliffe section of Hazleford Weir North of RAF Syerston Fosse Way, Flintham. Hydroelectric generation plant and associated infrastructure. No comment.

The council would support a Cluster of parish councils meeting suggested by the Borough planners in regard to the new arrangements by their department.

The chairman reported the travellers site appeal had been successful and use of the site, whilst restricted, was agreed.

8] SPORTS GROUND AND PLAY PARK

Coun. Brookes said he had paid visits to both play areas. There was a problem of moles in the Sports ground site and one of algae as well. On the Coney Grey site there was a need for painting of some of the equipment.

The possible availability of funding from Viola was mentioned and Coun. Pennington and Clayton were to look at this.

9] ENVIRONMENT INCLUDING PINFOLD LANE, NOTICE BOARD AND FLAGPOST

Coun. Russell raised the continuing problem of the street light number 6 not working at the junction of Spring Lane and Main Street. The clerk was asked to report it again. Coun. Russell said there was a need to move the existing post box on Main Street to the opposite side of the road where there is a pavement.

The chairman said the question of land on Pinfold Lane being used for development including siting of four caravans and a horse box had been raised with him. An officer from the planning department at Rushcliffe was to visit the site. It was agreed a damaged notice board on Coney Grey be removed as it was not previously used.

The council would not oppose the siting of a flag pole on the Sports Field. It would be purchased by the cricket club and would be used to fly a club flag on match days. It would need planning permission and the council agreed to seek this.

10] SEPTEMBERFEST

Coun. Clayton said they were awaiting fixtures for the cricket club so they could confirm the date of their 2019 event. Discussion took place on the way the Septemberfest accounts are shown in the council figures and the clerk was asked to investigate possible changes.

11] FINANCE --

a] accounts to pay were approved as per the circulated list.

b/ Budget and precept for 2019-2020. The council considered a report prepared by the clerk and the chairman in regard to suggested expenditure for the coming years and after considerations of the figures agreed to seek a precept of £13,606 for the 2019-2020 year, an increase of 3per cent on the current year. The figure included £1300 as costs for a possible election in May which if not required would be allocated to extra work in the Cemetery.

12] NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

Work was progressing on the next issue of the newsletter, although initially information for it had been insufficient to produce the issue. The clerk was trying to make progress on arrangements for a new website.

13] ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS FROM COUNCILLORS – MARCH 11, 2019

Nothing was put forward.

14] COVER SERVICES FO0R THE CLERK

Discussion took place on the question of a replacement for the clerk in the case of illness. The clerk said he had raised the matter with NALC because it was realised that due to his position of holding 17 clerkships there would be a difficulty on the question of replacements for them all. There had been a suggestion that the clerk might look at relieving himself of, say, three positions in the same area and attempts then be made to find one person to take those on. The question of finding a 'shadow' clerk was also raised.

15] NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was agreed to invite Jenny Kirkwood of Rushcliffe Borough Council to attend the parish meeting to discuss the question of a Neighbourhood plan. The date of the meeting would be arranged for March 11.

16] PUBLIC SESSION

The difficulty of access to and from Woods Lane was raised by a resident as was the question of erection of a traffic mirror. The clerk confirmed the County highways department do not allow such mirrors on Highway land. It was understood Notts County Council had in their future plans a scheme to tarmac the top part of Woods Lane.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8-20pm